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Weekly Views

An offender work crew from the Indianapolis Reentry Educational Facility (IREF), along with IDOC Construction Services staff, helped remove 50 ash trees from the Indiana War Memorial in downtown Indianapolis. The trees had been severely damaged by destructive emerald ash borers and needed to be removed. (photo below)

The Moody Bible Institute Basketball team came to the Indiana State Prison and played the offender basketball team. The game was very exciting going into overtime, but the offender team held on for the victory. The Indiana State Prison appreciates the constant community relationship the facility has established with Moody Bible Institute.



Pendleton Correctional Facility's minimum security Outside Dorm has implemented a new Toastmasters program. Weekly meetings will be held on Monday nights. Toastmasters International is a non-profit educational organization that operates clubs world-wide for the purpose of helping participants improve their communication, public speaking, and leadership skills. Toastmasters is one of several new projects recently implemented at the Outside Dorm in an effort to expand program opportunities for these level one offenders.



Congratulations to the winners of the Correctional Professionals Assistance Fund of Indiana Fall 2013 Scholarships! Katherine Weber-Fischer, Wabash Valley Correctional Facility, won the prestigious \$5000 Commissioner's Scholarship. Shad Rice, Plainfield STOP (GEO), won the \$4000 Public Safety Scholarship; and Bettina West, Putnamville Correctional Facility, won the \$2000 Public Service Scholarship. Six \$1000 supplies scholarships were awarded to Brent Bagley, son of Miami Correctional Facility employee; Maria Williamson, daughter of Correctional Industrial Facility employee; Jonathon Sikorski, employee at the Indiana State Prison; Caitlin Gaub, daughter of Plainfield Correctional Facility employee; Aaron King, son of Evansville Parole District office employee; and Erin Viou, employee at Camp Summit Juvenile Correctional Facility.

Rockville Correctional Facility Superintendent Julie Stout is proud to announce the promotion of Correctional Officer Kristi Cobb and Correctional Officer Shawn Clover to the position of correctional sergeant. Sergeant Cobb began her career with the Department in 2006 at the Rockville and has served in many capacities including extradition officer, personal protection adjunct instructor and field training officer. Sergeant Clover served in the United States Navy as an Air Traffic Controller prior to beginning his career with IDOC in 2011. Following a tour of duty in Afghanistan in 2012, Sergeant Clover returned to RCF last year. Sergeant Clover has served as a Quick Response Team instructor, CPR instructor and member of the Emergency Squad.

Tim Greathouse, Superintendent of Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility (MJCF), is pleased to announce the promotion of Cindy Jones to Correctional Lieutenant. Lieutenant Jones began her career in 1994 at Muscatatuck State Developmental Center as a Developmental Skills Technician. In 2002, she joined the Department at Madison Correctional Facility. When Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility opened in 2009, she promoted to a sergeant at MJCF.

IREF's Inside Reaching Out Program donated loads of food to the Gleaners Food Bank. IREF residents who want to make sure poor Indiana families always have enough food to eat started the Inside Reaching Out Program. Residents donated food items from their commissary orders, and called on staff to donate non-perishable items to help stock the food bank shelves. (photo right)



Pendleton Correctional Facility Assistant Superintendent of Reentry Andrew Cole reports that Caseworker Sarah Peckham (pictured left) has been promoted to the position of Correctional Casework Manager. Ms. Peckham began her career at Pendleton as a correctional officer in 1996 and was promoted to caseworker in 2000. Everyone at the facility offers congratulations to Sarah as she begins her new role and responsibilities.

Wabash Valley has four new Correctional Sergeants with over 37 years of combined safety and security experience at the maximum-security facility. "Drew Carter, Michael Jones, Sean Robbins and Tracy Cobb are role models, positive additions to our supervisory team and committed to the successful reentry of our population to society," said Assistant Superintendent of Operations, Frank Littlejohn. Littlejohn added they are proven leaders, able to react to any situation in a professional manner.